EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION

HITUL GANDHI, individually, and on behalf of § a class of others similarly situated, § Plaintiffs, § Case No. 1:08-cv-00248 § DELL INC., and § DELL MARKETING USA L.P., § Defendants.

DECLARATION OF AMY MAI ATSUMI

- 1. My name is Amy Mai Atsumi. I am over the age of 21 years and am fully competent to make this declaration. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this declaration, and those facts are true and correct.
- I am employed by Dell Marketing USA L.P. as Human Resources/Senior Manager. I have been responsible for the human resources function in the Oklahoma City facility since I arrived in Oklahoma City on February 7, 2007 through February 16, 2009. Up until January 31, 2008 there were sales representatives in both the consumer sales area and those who sell to business customers. I am familiar with both the consumer sales organization and the non-consumer sales organizations. I am also familiar with the jobs of ISRs, which is the job family for employees who are plaintiffs in the Norman lawsuit which focuses on consumer sales and with the jobs of ISRs and TSRs, which are the focus of the Gandhi lawsuit. The term business sales representative that is used by plaintiffs in the Gandhi lawsuit is not a term that is used by Dell.
- Non-consumer sales representatives received a fixed weekly salary each week and were paid overtime at a fluctuating rate for additional time worked beyond forty hours a week. If a sales representative worked any time in a given work week, he or she would receive his or her full, fixed weekly salary. No deductions were made from sales representatives' salaries. This is true even if a sales representative was out of vacation or other paid time off.
- 4. Dell employees received training and information about how they were to be compensated.

- 5. Prior to accepting a job with Dell, non-consumer sales representatives were interviewed, received an offer packet, and attended an offer session where they were told that their position was classified as "salaried non-exempt" and that their weekly salary was intended to compensate them for all hours worked with overtime paid at a half-time rate.
- 6. The training materials attached as Exhibit F to Plaintiffs' Factual Appendix (and attached hereto for convenience as Attachment 1) are representative of training materials that would have been presented to non-consumer sales representatives and demonstrate that sales representatives received detailed information regarding how they were paid. The training materials attached to this declaration as Attachment 2 are representative of training materials that would have been presented to non-consumer sales representatives and demonstrate that sales representatives received detailed information regarding Kronos and how to cancel the automatic lunch deduction in Kronos if they worked through lunch. The training materials attached to this declaration as Attachment 3 are representative of training materials that would have been presented to non-consumer sales representatives and demonstrate the different compensation plans that applied to different jobs in the Small and Medium Business Unit.
- 7. The proper fluctuating workweek calculation was always used when Dell paid sales representatives. No sales representative was ever improperly paid under the fluctuating work week.
- 8. In addition to different management, different HR support groups, and different training support groups (many of which would differ from business unit to business unit) representatives in the business groups would differ from the consumer group in other significant ways:
 - Although both consumer and non-consumer sales representatives' time is recorded in Kronos, there are significant differences. Non-consumer sales representatives at all times were responsible for manually entering their time and were able to correct any inaccurate time entry. By contrast, after November 1, 2005 consumer sales representatives, were unable to manually enter their time, instead it was automatically entered for them. If a time entry needed to be corrected, consumer representatives did not have the ability to do so, but had to go through their managers or payroll.
 - No or extremely limited use of pre-shift huddles
 - Non-consumer sales are less seasonal in nature
 - Not all non-consumer sales representatives are controlled by Call Center Operations
 - Sales mix ratios (base to quota compensation ratio)
 - Different performance metrics
 - Type of products sold and required product knowledge, experience and training
 - Account management processes and customer engagement procedures
 - Non-consumer sales representatives have always been paid as salaried non-exempt and paid on the basis of a fluctuating workweek Consumer sales representatives were converted to hourly between May 14 and October 29, 2007

- All consumer sales representatives are transactional. A substantial number of nonconsumer sales representatives are relational.
- 9. Non-consumer sales representatives had the ability to modify their reported work time after a pay period closed in Kronos via a WOW request.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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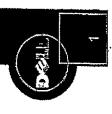
ATTACHMENT 1

Salaried Non-Exempt Pay Calculation

- Weekly Salary (paid bi-weekly) paid regardless of number of hours worked
- Overtime Premium for all hours worked over 40 in a given Week - paid at .5 X regular rate of pay for the week
- Regular Rate of Pay = Weekly Salary / # of Hours worked Sthat week

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 OT Hours worked X .5 X Regular Rate of
 - - Total Pay = Weekly Salary + OT Premium





Week 1

Weekly Salary = \$450

38 Hours Worked

Pay = \$450 (receive salary regardless of # of hours worked)

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• Weekly Salary = \$450

36 Hours Worked

8 Vacation hours

Pay = \$450 (receive salary regardless of # of hours Worked)

Vacation and Holiday time does not count as time worked for the purposes of calculating OT

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• Week 3

Weekly Salary = \$450

• 45 Hours Worked

Pay = \$475 (\$450 salary + \$25 OT premium)

Regular Rate of Pay = \$450 (Weekly Salary) / 45 hours (Hours Worked) = \$10/hour

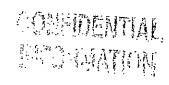
Overtime premium = 5 (Overtime hours worked) x .5 x \$10 (Regular Rate of Pay) = \$25

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Salaried Non-Exempt Pay Calculation

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- Weekly Salary = \$450
- 50 Hours Worked
- Pay = \$495 (\$450 salary + \$45 OT premium)
- Regular Rate of Pay = \$450 (Weekly Salary) / 50 hours (Hours Worked) = \$9/hour
- Overtime premium = 10 (Overtime hours worked) x .5 x \$9 (Regular Rate of Pay) = \$45



Two separate calculations are used to capture the total overtime premium. One is for base salary (see below) and one is for incentive pay (see next slide).

To understand the "time and a half" calculation, remember you are already paid for your time in your biweekly salary paycheck. The additional payment for the "half" is reflected below and paid in addition to your regular salary paycheck.

Calculation: Base Pay Overtime

SRIB Annual TTC: \$28,180 Bi-weekly base salary: \$860.77 Weekly base salary: \$430.39

Total hours worked in week 1: 45 = 5 hours of OT

- 1. \$430.39 (weekly base salary)/45 (total hours worked) = \$9.57 (regular rate of pay)
- 2. 5 (overtime hours) x .5 (overtime rate or the "half") x \$9.57 (regular rate of pay) = \$23.93 (base pay overtime premium for one week)

NOTE: The base salary overtime premium is calculated weekly based on total hours worked and is paid on a bi-weekly basis.

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Calculation: Incentive Overtime

SRIB Annual TTC: \$28,180

Quarterly Incentive Earned: \$1,450 (\$5800/4 quarters)

Total hours worked in quarter: 585 (assuming 45 hours/week in 13 week period) or 65 hrs of OT

- 1. \$1,450 (Incentive earned)/585 (total hours worked) = \$2.48 (regular rate of pay)
- 2. 65 (overtime hours/qtr) x .5 (overtime rate or the "half") x \$2.48 (regular rate of pay) = \$80.60 (incentive overtime premium)

NOTE: The incentive overtime premium is calculated at the completion of a Dell fiscal quarter. It is based on total hours worked and incentive pay earned during the quarter. This is paid after commissions have been paid for the last month of the quarter.

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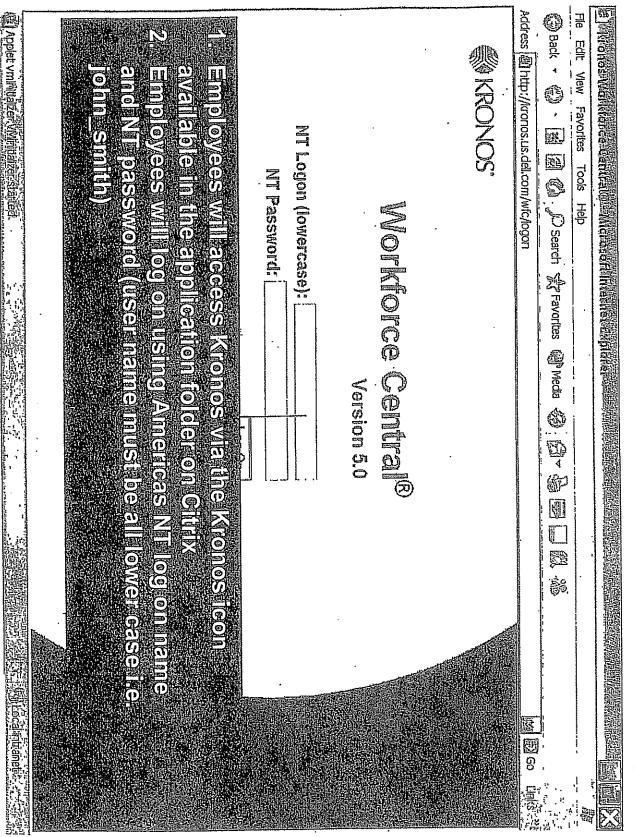
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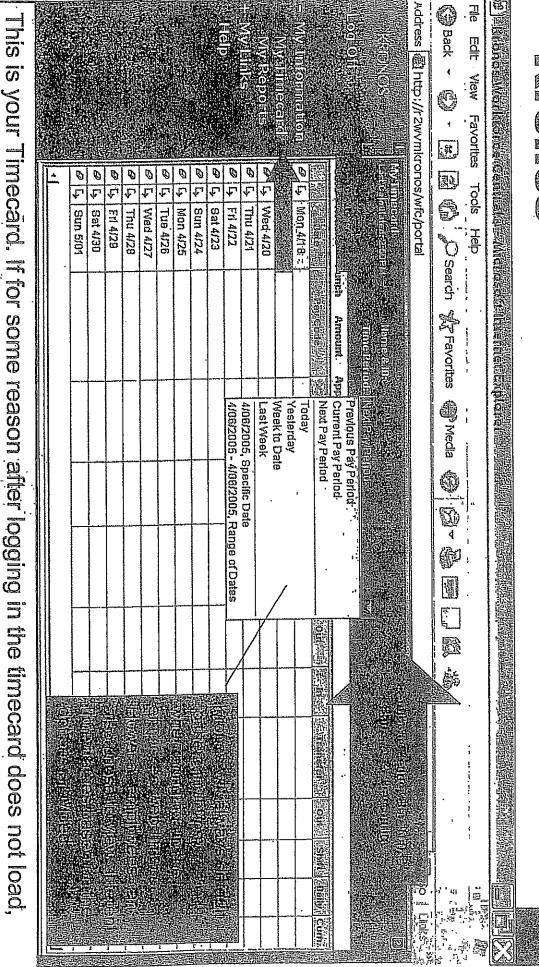


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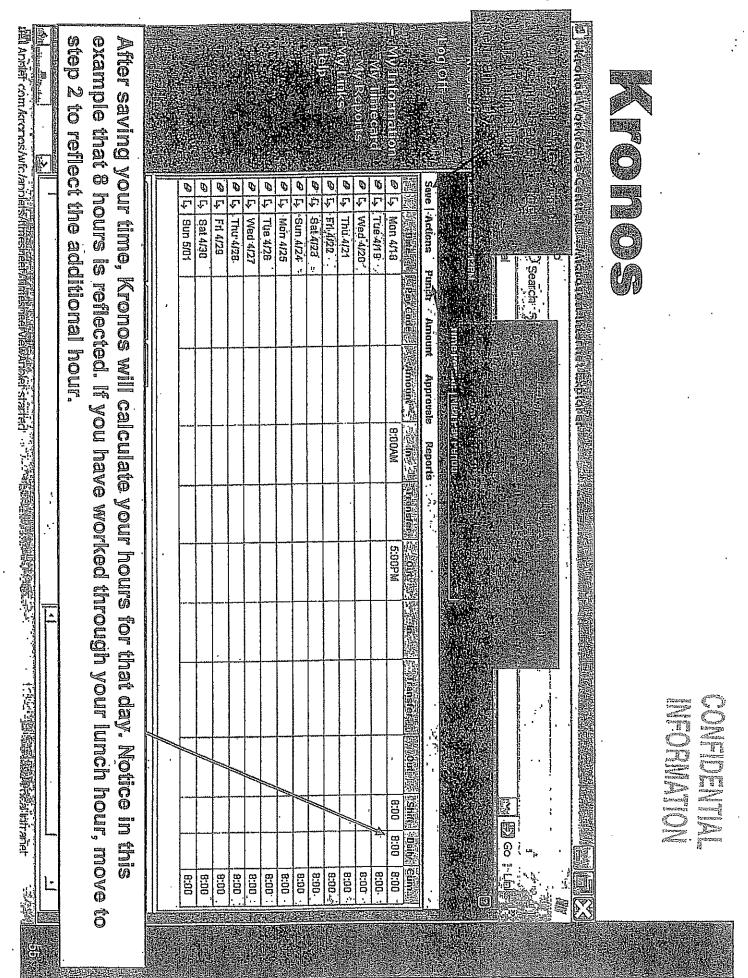
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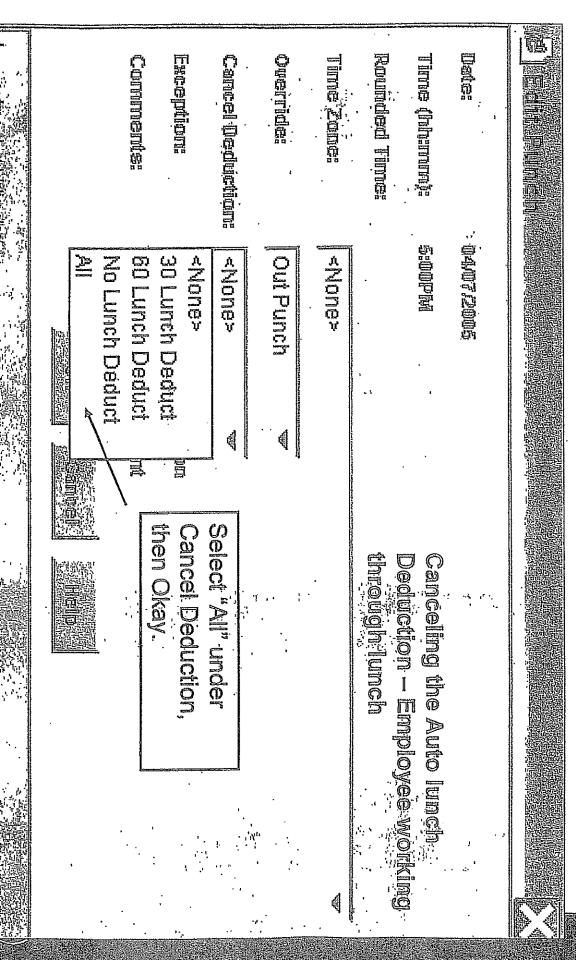
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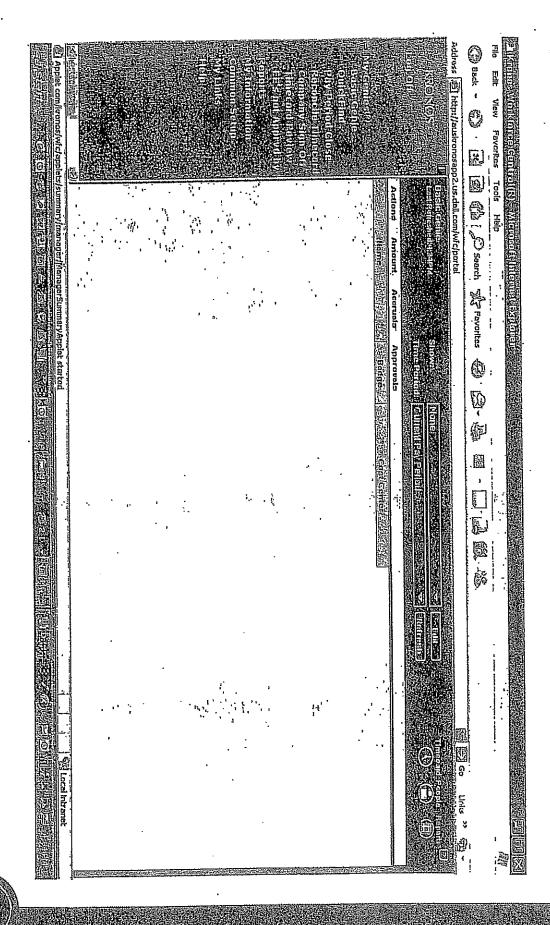
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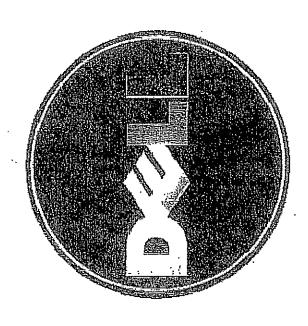
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ATTACHMENT 3



Americas Compensation & Benefits

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'Dell reserves the right to amend, change, cancel or make exceptions to these rules at its discretion. Changes or modifications may be made before, during, or after a period for which incentive compensation is paid, except where prohibited by law. Dell also reserves the right to reduce, modify, or circumstances. Such changes may result in an increase or decrease of incentive compensation for any period. These rules do not alter the at-will withhold incentive compensation based on an individual's performance or conduct, or because of management modification due to business nature of your employment with Dell."

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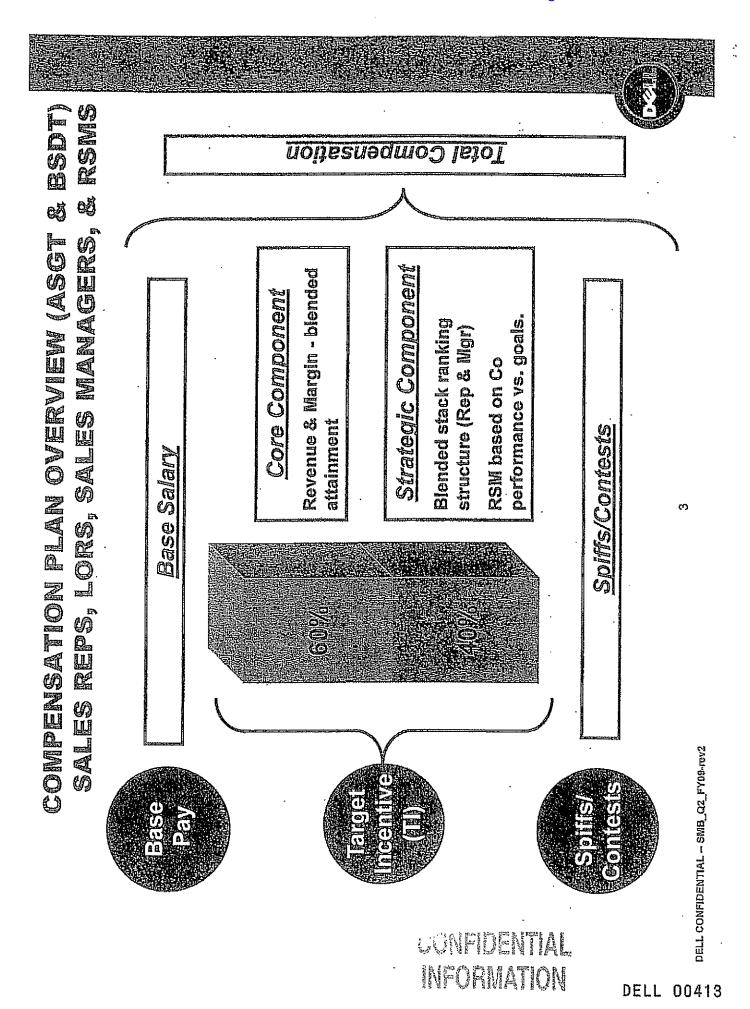
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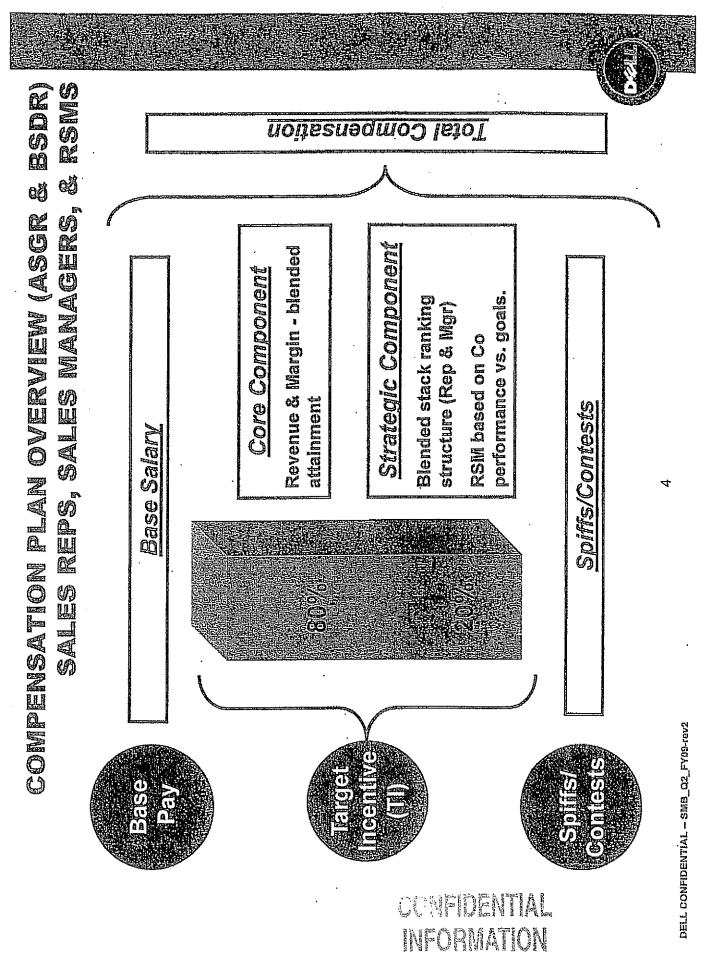
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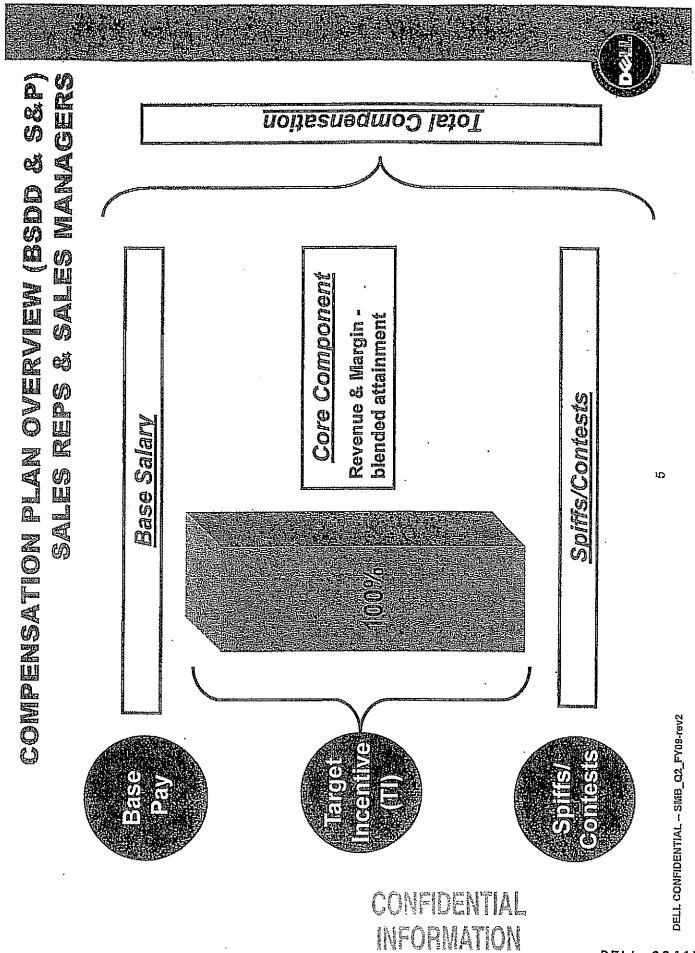
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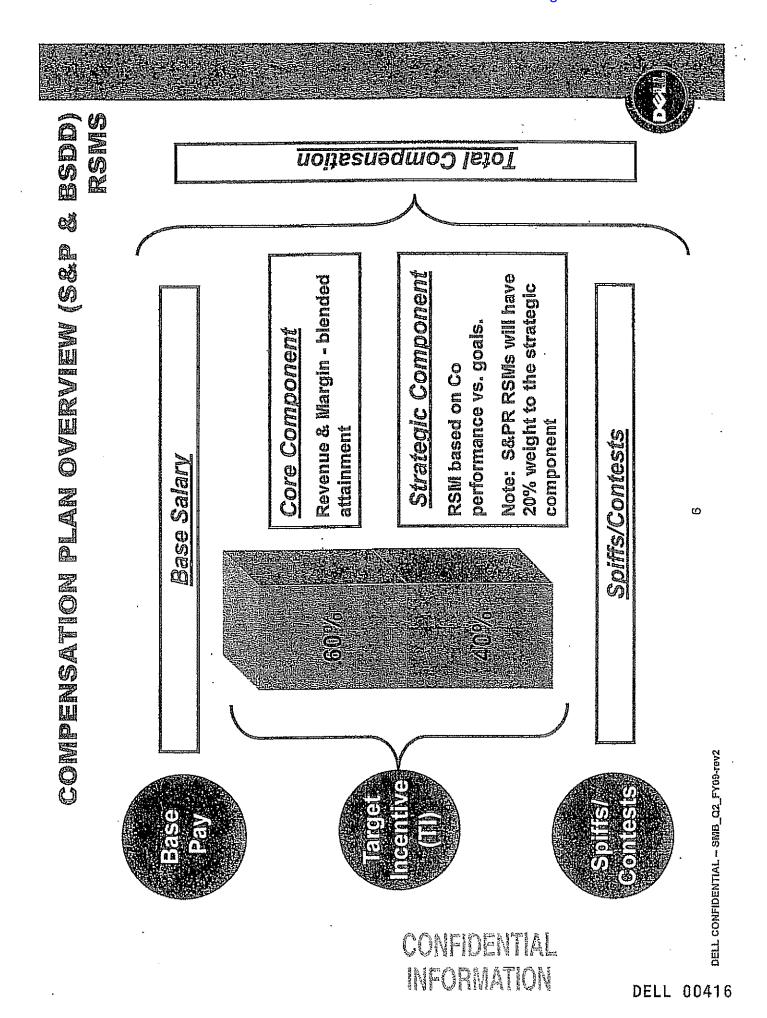




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Payout Eligibility: You must hit 80% attainment in order to be eligible for the strategic (stacks) component payout.

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Please review the Policy & Plan Administration page for more detail on the strategic component process, eligibility, & administration guidelines.

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Payouts will be quarterly. Must achieve 90% attainment to be eligible for strategic component

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APPENDIX A

Plan Overview - Coach & Coach Manager Glossary

□ SPIF/Contests Overview

Examples of Sales Maker Acceleration Grid

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APPENDIX A: SPIFS/CONTENTS

The Below Eligibility Requirements apply to SPIFs/Contests:

- recognition programs. Only inside sales reps and inside sales managers will be eligible for Only regular, full-time Dell sales employees are eligible for SPIFs, sales contests, and
- Inferns, temporary and contract workers are not eligible for SPIFs, sales contests, and recognition programs
- becomes eligible for SPIFs, sales contests, and recognition programs as of the date of An intern or temporary or contract worker who is hired as a regular Dell employee
- constitute a contract of employment between the employee and Dell. Employment at Dell Participation in any sales incentive program while employed by Dell, Inc. does not remains on an at-will basis.
- Employees who resign or leave Dell prior to payout are not eligible for the SPIF or contest.

SPIF/Contest Payout Rules:

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- Sales reps with core attainment less than 80% will not receive a SPIF payout.
- SPIFs will only be available to inside sales reps and inside sales managers.
- Guarantees and floors only apply to COIN\$ attainment; they do not apply to SPIF calculations and payouts. ø
- Per the discretion



APPENDIX A: GLOSSARY



- □ ACQ Acquisition
- ASG Advanced Systems Group
- BSDR Business System Division Relationship
- BSDT Business System Division Transactional
- DEV Development
- □ LOR Large Order Rep
- □ MMD Mid Markets Division
- □ NU New Queue
- □ RSM Regional Sales Manager
- □ S&P Software and Peripherals
- □ SQ Super Queue
- □ TI Targeted Incentive
- □ TTC Total Targeted Compensation

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2 Metric Plan comprised of assigned sales reps performance in Strategic (Stacks) components. Core & Overview:

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Coach Manager's Target Incentive will be paid as a Rollup attainment of all sales reps coached by each manager's team of coaches. Coach Managers:



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SALES MAKER APPENDIX A: PAYOUT EXAMPLES

ACCELERATION GRID

| %0 | Below 50% |
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| 100% | 100% |
| 4X (2X for SRIB) | >100% |
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| | a Final Payout | %0 | %09 | 76% | . 80% | %06 | 132% | 132% | |
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| Examples | Acceleration Formula | %0 | (80% - 50%) x 2x | (88% - 50%) x 2x | (90% - 50%) x 2x | (95% - 50%) x 2x | ((108% - 100%) x 4x) + 100%) | ((108% - 100%) x 4x) + 100%) | 21 |
| : | Blended , Attainment | 48% | 80% | %88 | %06 | . %56 | 108% | 103% | |
| | Margin Attainment (50%) | 30% | 85% | %06 | 80% | 92% | 110% | 105% | |
| | Revenue Attainment (50%) | 65 % | 75% | 85% | 100% | %26 | 105% | 110% | |

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